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EDITORIAL

We look forward to the ensuing year with keen anticipation, for this is the year that earthbound man is expected to penetrate outer space for the first time.

The physical and mental impact of outer space on the first astronaut has been the subject of much conjecture by scientists and laymen alike, and we will not know the answer to this very contentious question until our human guinea-pig has safely returned.

That we are visited by peoples from other planets must be obvious now to all but the deliberately blind, into which category must fall our Minister for Air.

The recent sightings in Tasmania by the Rev. Browning and the sightings in 1959 by Father Gill in New Guinea, are those of creditable witnesses and not to be dismissed with the offhand statement that "these reports have been investigated."

A recent statement by the Minister for Air that all reports, except three per cent, were explained by natural phenomena leaves us with the thought that there must be three per cent of unnatural phenomena flitting through the skies. Just what this three per cent of unexplained objects might be is left to the imagination by the aforesaid Minister.

We know, from information received from a resident of Goodenough Bay, that Father Gill's reports were not investigated by the authorities and that no attempt was made to interview those mentioned as witnesses.

However, we must be fair to our bureaucrats and admit that their attitude of "hearing all, and saying nothing" is not confined to our government alone. This seems to be the policy of all governments throughout the world.

The reason for this is not hard to find. No government is going to admit to their people that there is craft in the sky that can make veritable monkeys out of their Air Force. And no astronomer will admit to intelligent life on other planets of the Solar System.

And now, as we enter into the year 1961, let us do so with the thought - "we have been too busy in the past conquering one another to bother about conquering space - in the future let us concentrate on conquering space and let man live in peace!"

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Mysterious ships in sky



Rev. Lionel Browning, an Anglican minister and Tasmanian Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Mrs. Browning, observed in Cressy, Tasmania a strange cigar-shaped airship accompanied by five smaller craft at 6.10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 4, 1960.

Pictured is Mr. Browning pointing through the rectory window in the direction of the sighting. The EXAMINER's (Launceston, Tas.) artist has drawn in the objects from the Browning's description and a sketch by Mrs. Browning.

"There was definitely a mother ship and five or six flying saucers," said Rev. Browning. "First we saw a large dull-grey object about 300 feet long. It came at plane-stalling speed and seemed to pause."

Rev. Browning estimated the speed of the ship at less than 50 m.p.h. The object was stationary for about 30 seconds.

"Then out of the clouds above and behind the ship, five or six small discs came shooting at terrific speed." According to the minister they were approximately 30 feet across and flat underneath with a dome on top. The noiseless mother ship had four vertical bands and at the bow there was a moving device like radar or propeller.

The long ship and the saucers were seen for two minutes. The mother ship as well as the smaller craft reversed their course and disappeared in the clouds.

Rev. L. Browning stated the discs "came towards the ship like flat stones skipping along water." This is very significant because Kenneth Arnold described the flight of nine flying saucers near Mt. Rainier, Washington in 1947 in almost the same terms.

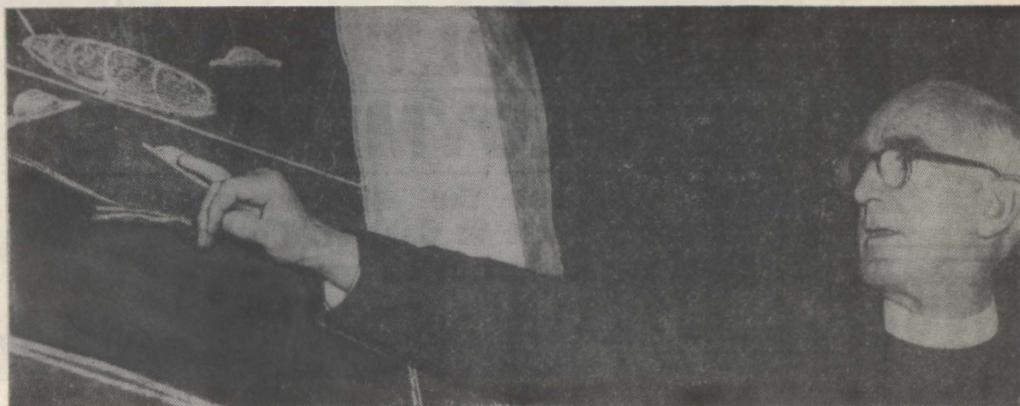
The clergyman and his wife were reticent about releasing this sighting until they heard other local residents' reports. The Civil Aviation Department seems to have taken this case seriously because of the background of the two principal observers and the testimony of local residents.

Mrs. Doris Bransden of Cressy said: "It was a fantastic sight - like a lot of little ships flocking around a bigger one."

Two hours after the sighting loud explosions took place in the locality. "It was like a bomb or an earthquake," Mr. Brad Spencer told the press.

The aviation authorities stated there were no planes in the area at the time of Rev. Browning's sighting.

It is a notable fact that the clergyman did not believe in the reality of flying saucers before his experience.



Mother ship releasing Scouts.

Six Scouts (flying saucers) are seen.

Last of four telescopic pictures in a series taken by George Adamski.

↑ AUTHORITY should not ridicule people who reported flying saucers, the Rev. Lionel Browning said last night, addressing more than 200 people at a Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society convention in Kelvin Hall.

Mr Browning is the Anglican clergyman who says that he and his wife saw flying saucers and a "mother ship" at Cressy, Tasmania, last month.

Mr Browning said that he and his wife, from a rectory window, saw "up to eight" sauc-

ers near the "mother ship," a grey, cigar-shaped object.

The cigar-shaped object paused after emerging from a rainstorm, then the saucers appeared.

"There was something ominous about the precision with which the

homing took place around the mother ship," Mr Browning said.

Mr Browning said he believed that authority knew a good deal more about sky objects than it was prepared to say.

Authority apparently did not want to create a panic, he said.

Note the remarkable similarity between the controversial George Adamski photograph and Rev. L. Browning's sketch.

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TASMANIAN UFO STIR IN CANBERRA

The report of the Tasmanian clergyman, Rev. L. Browning, featured in this magazine was brought to the attention of the Federal Government by our Melbourne Co-Editor, Mr. Peter Norris, LL.D. who wrote this in the "Herald" on October 12: "Is the Federal Government satisfied that unfriendly nations are not infringing Australian territorial sovereignty?"

Hon. L.C. Haylen (Lab. N.S.W.) suggested to the Minister of Defence A.G. Townley on October 13 that a Parliamentary committee be appointed to investigate flying saucers.

On October 18 the question of the "foreign bodies known as flying saucers" came up in the Senate. Senator O'Byrne (Lab. Tasmania) wanted to know if flying saucers were investigated by the Defence Department and if they were part of Australia's own defence system.



SENATOR SPOONER

The Minister of National Development, Senator Spooner, stated that there had been no official comment on the objects. He also alluded to a "light-hearted exchange of views" which led him to believe the Minister of Defence did not regard them as "something upon which we should need to go to the lengths of re-modelling our defence system."

On October 20 replying in the House of Representatives to G.W.A. Duthie (Lab. Tasmania) the Minister for Air F.M. Osborne said only three or four per cent of reported flying saucer sightings were unexplained. Mr. Osborne said nearly all reports had a perfectly normal basis. High-flying aircraft, weather balloons and stars had caused some of the sightings.

While no one would question the correctness of the Minister's explanation, it still remains obscure - under what category does Rev. Browning's noiseless 300-ft. object come?

It is apparent that the Air Minister's statement was of a general character. Rev. Browning's case was evaded in the same manner as that of Rev. Gill in November, 1959.

However, Mr. Osborne admitted on November 17 that he had instructed the resident Air Force officer in Tasmania, Wing Commander G. Weller to interview Mr. Browning. According to our information the R.A.A.F. listened to Rev. L. Browning very attentively and did not question the veracity of his story. In reply to Rev. Browning's query, Wing Commander Weller stated that the R.A.A.F. evaluation would not be available to him when completed.

The Opposition Whip, Mr. Duthie, has forwarded to our Melbourne Co-Editor a letter from the Minister for Air, refusing his application for the Department's UFO files. No reasons were given for the refusal.



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AUSTRALIAN
CAPITAL TERRITORY

The Remark around
(Same as U.S.A.)

EPSILON ERIDANI - EARTH

A Soviet scientist - M. Agrest, a physico-mathematician, suggests that our planet has been visited by unusual guests.

WHEN COULD SUCH VISITS HAVE TAKEN PLACE?

A very long time ago as no authentic information about it has been preserved. It took place when mankind was, at any rate, in existence - most likely thousands or tens of thousands years ago.

BY WHAT MEANS DID SPACEMEN ARRIVE HERE?

In a rocket - a huge spaceship capable of speed approaching that of light.

WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

From an inhabited world of a distant star. A distant one because with the exception of the Earth in the Solar System there is apparently no planet on which intelligent beings dwell.

WHERE DID THEY LAND?

Possibly in the Dead Sea area in the Near East. It was just there that remains of puzzling ancient structures have been found. One of these is situated in the Anti-Lebanon Mountains, in the city of Baalbek: a platform on a hill near the temples is made up of stone slabs weighing about two thousand tons each. There is not a crane in the world today capable of lifting such a slab. How could the ancients have accomplished this?

The slabs were not cut on the spot, they were dragged up from a quarry at the foot of the hill. One slab is still down there below as if the builders had suddenly dropped everything and left.

Perhaps the cosmic guests intended to erect an obelisk in honour of themselves? Maybe they did not have time to build it but later people erected temples on this spot? Incidentally, Baalbek was once called Heliopolis - "city of the Sun". Did this "cosmic" name originate by chance?

DO ANY TRACES OF THEIR STAY ON EARTH STILL EXIST?

Apparently, they do.

1. Tektites - mysterious glasslike stones. No one has ever seen them fall on the Earth. However, radioactive isotopes of aluminium and beryllium, present in them, testify to the fact that tektites did not originate on Earth but appeared on it from "somewhere". The Earth is several thousand million years old but tektites not more than a few million. Could tektites be remains of unknown instruments by which the space travellers "sounded"

the Earth while orbiting before landing? The locations of tektite deposits girdle the globe in an almost perfect ring.

2. Monuments of ancient art. In the Sahara Desert (not far from the Anti-Lebanon!) French scientists have recently found "a picture gallery" on the rocks of Tassili plateau. The drawings portray figures of men and women, beasts and birds, hunting and dancing - and among these figures there is a "puzzling picture" of a giant in a strange dress bearing a perfect resemblance to the modern space suit with diver's helmet. Possibly this is a priest in a mask. But if not? Where could a primitive artist have seen such a space suit?

3. Ancient religious traditions. They speak of "gods" and "sons of gods" who descended on Earth, of a man by the name of Enoch who was taken by them alive to heaven. Tales? Fantasies? But in tales there is always a grain of truth...

4. Ancient scientific treatises. In studying these, one is astonished to find out that in those bygone ages the ancient savants knew more of some things than it was thought possible of that time. For instance, at about 1600, the Danish astronomer Tycho de Brahe discovered the "variations of the Moon" - the Moon's deviation from the regular path caused by differences in the Sun's pull at various points of the lunar orbit. And then it turned out that the variations of the Moon had been described 500 years before Brahe, in the tenth century, in a treatise of an Arab astronomer Abu 'l Wafa. Abu 'l Wafa in his time did not have any precision instruments, not even a watch with a dial, without which the computation of the Moon's movement is simply inconceivable. And yet... These "incongruities" can be explained assuming that knowledge about the heavens was once handed to people by cosmic messengers and preserved by them in fragments.

HOW CAN WE ASCERTAIN IF SPACEMEN REALLY DID VISIT EARTH?

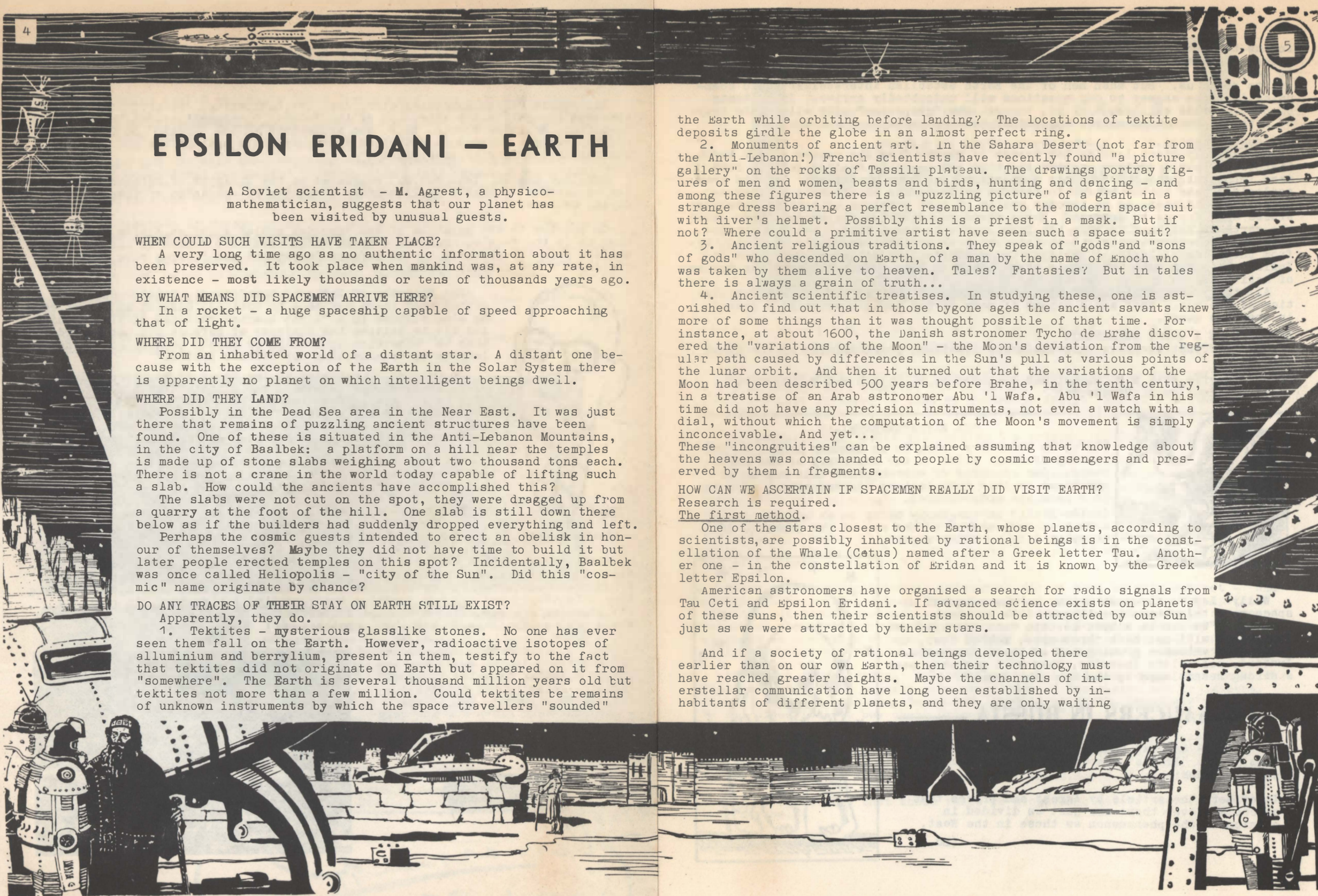
Research is required.

The first method.

One of the stars closest to the Earth, whose planets, according to scientists, are possibly inhabited by rational beings is in the constellation of the Whale (Cetus) named after a Greek letter Tau. Another one - in the constellation of Eridan and it is known by the Greek letter Epsilon.

American astronomers have organised a search for radio signals from Tau Ceti and Epsilon Eridani. If advanced science exists on planets of these stars, then their scientists should be attracted by our Sun just as we were attracted by their stars.

And if a society of rational beings developed there earlier than on our own Earth, then their technology must have reached greater heights. Maybe the channels of interstellar communication have long been established by inhabitants of different planets, and they are only waiting



for us to contact them by radio signals. A long time will pass before we intercept signals from our brothers in intellect, and even more before we respond. It takes more than eleven years for radiowaves from Tau Ceti and Epsilon Eridani to reach us. But when men of the Earth establish interstellar radio communication, the answer to our questions will undoubtedly arrive. Inhabitants of other worlds will acquaint us, through the "grapevine" with all cosmic trips of rational beings no matter where they be.

The second method.

Immediately start looking for traces of guests from the cosmos on our Earth. Historians should further examine the earliest possible records just in case more important data on "heavenly messengers" has been preserved. Let the archaeologists take up the search for secret repositories established by cosmonauts. What if there is an immense wealth of most precious scientific knowledge stored away for us to inherit? Maybe these repositories are so deep down under the earth or sea that we have yet been unable to reach them. Let the physicists and nuclear scientists look into the many puzzling monuments of antiquity - from the colossal Egyptian pyramids to the mysterious pillar of pure iron in India; let them determine their exact age, and look around the area for traces of activity of atomic reactors.

All that we have discussed is only an insignificant portion of the speculation of one man. What would happen if many of the world's scientists joined in the same quest.

WHY IS SUCH A QUEST NECESSARY?

In order that we prove once again the limitless possibilities of the human mind.

(The interview with M.M. Agrest was recorded by P. Galkin and M. Chernin. Illustrations by B. Vlasov.)



THE EXTRATERRESTRIALS

(Left) An imaginary being in an unknown land - a 15th century drawing, prior to the discovery of new continents. Our concepts of extraterrestrials may be as erroneous as this 15th century representation of a man in a land yet undiscovered.

(Below Right) An imaginary being on an unknown planet - a 20th century sketch on the eve of the possible discovery of life on other worlds.



Willy Ley, a foremost writer on the conquest of space says this about intelligent life on other planets: "We can be almost certain that our visitors from space will not have three eyes, webbed feet, or television antennae growing out of their foreheads. Instead, scientists theorise, they will probably bear a strong resemblance to the man next door."

SAUCERS IN RUSSIA

The feature on next page is a partial translation from Soviet "Pravda" denouncing flying saucer reports in Russia.

It offsets the article by Agrest and proves that scientists over there are just as divided in opinion on the phenomenon as those in the West.

(Ed.)

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ПРАВДА

ОТВЕТЫ НА ВОПРОСЫ ЧИТАТЕЛЕЙ

МИФ О «ЛЕТАЮЩИХ ТАРЕЛКАХ»

В последнее время у нас появились различные толки о том, что в каких-то пунктах СССР люди наблюдали так называемые «летающие тарелки». О них, как о прав-

сторон как в одиночку, так и целыми партиями. Уклончивая позиция, занятая правительственными инстанциями США, к которым мы обращались за разъясне-

доселе не известных летающих объектов. Американский астроном Мензел посвятил разборку этого вопроса целую книгу и пришел к выводу, что «лета-

THE "FLYING SAUCER" MYTH

(Translated extracts from PRAVDA, top Soviet newspaper, January 8, 1961)

Recently we have been receiving various reports that in some regions of the U.S.S.R. people have observed the so-called "flying saucers". Even certain lecturers have referred to them as authentic facts. PRAVDA's readers have written in asking us to clarify the question of "flying saucers".

Our correspondent asked Academician L.A. Artsimovich to share his views with the readers of PRAVDA.

"There is not a single fact," - said the scientist - "which would lead us to believe that there are mysterious solid objects flying over us - the so-called 'saucers'. All discussions along these lines, which have been wide-spread lately, emanate from one original source - the untrustworthy and unscientific data contained in lectures delivered in Moscow by some utterly irresponsible individuals. These lectures consisted of fantastic tales mainly based on reports in the American press, relating to that period when flying crockery was the main sensation in the U.S.A."

"American astronomer Menzel devoted an entire book to this subject - and arrived at a conclusion that 'flying saucers' are nothing else but optical effects. It would seem enough has already been said, and there is no ground for these absurd rumours buried many years ago. Nevertheless after a number of years we are again witnessing a lively discussion of the question of mysterious saucers and their cosmic origin. And this time in our own country."

"To these 'breathtaking' reports were also added many vague rumours on the appearance of cosmic saucers over the cities of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. It has been told that tiny Venusians, landing on Earth, immediately scattered in all directions to buy cheap Oriental sweets."

"A photograph of a saucer taken in one of the northern districts of the country further stimulated the interest in 'flying saucers'. The photograph is likewise the result of optical effects according to a laboratory analysis by the Institute of Applied Geo-Physics of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences."

"It is about time that these tales be stopped no matter how breathtaking they may be."

Pictures From Planets

The Sydney Morning Herald, Wed., Jan. 18, 1961

Australia might be the first country to receive pictures of possible living matter on another planet, the chief of the C.S.I.R.O. Radio-physics Division, Dr E. G. Bowen, said yesterday.

Dr Bowen said that in the next two years America would try to "land" "probe" rockets on the moon, Mars and Venus.

The C.S.I.R.O.'s 210ft radio-telescope now being built at Parkes, N.S.W., would be the only "giant" installation of the type needed to receive signals from the U.S. rockets.

It would be operating in June this year.

Dr Bowen was lecturing at the Nuclear Research Foundation's fourth summer school for high school science teachers at the University of Sydney.

"The United States plans to launch a lunar surface probe at the end of 1961," Dr Bowen said.

"Our radio-telescope will be able to track the deep-space probe vehicles launched by the United States to the moon, Mars and Venus."

Britain's Equipment 'Won't Be Working'

Britain's 250ft radio-telescope at Jodrell Bank would not be operational at the time of the proposed landings.

"We think that there is probably some form of living matter on Mars, and it is possible that radio pictures of this matter will be transmitted to earth from the space vehicle landed on Mars," Dr Bowen said.

"Our radio-telescope will be the only giant installation in the world capable of receiving the signals in late 1961 and 1962."

Dr Bowen said the Americans intended to launch rockets which would "soft land" on the moon, Mars and Venus.

The moon rocket would eject microphones which would record explosive charges fired and transmit information to earth on the structure of the moon's surface.

"The equipment for this experiment is now being designed in the United States," Dr Bowen said.

"In the case of Mars and Venus the emphasis will be on information on their atmospheres."

"...other stars in the galaxy may have hundreds of thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these worlds may have been able to utilise the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars." Dr. C. Tombaugh, discoverer of planet Pluto.

Police "chase" Mystery object seen in sky

Australian Associated Press

NEW YORK, Wednesday.—Two traffic policemen told today how they sighted and chased a mystery flying object, SUN, AUG. 18, 1960

At least eight other persons also said they saw such an object.

Witnesses said it was the size of an airliner and at times it hung silently in the air only 200ft off the ground.

Traffic policemen Stanley Scott and Charles Carson were patrolling in their car at Red Bluff, California, when they saw the object about a mile and a half away.

It appeared to be sweeping the ground, they said. As they looked, it suddenly shot noiselessly 500ft higher in the air.

They sent out a radio alert and chased the object for two hours.

At one time it went into "various manoeuvres—straight up and down and sideways."

Not "saucer"

Three deputy sheriffs, hearing the radio alert, joined the chase. They also saw it.

In Red Bluff, Clarence Fry, the night jailer, heard the radio alert and marched four prisoners on to the gaolhouse perch.

They saw the object, too.

Nobody would describe it as a "flying saucer."

But police captain Ruel Boehm said, "They know they saw it, and we know they saw it."

"BALL OF FIRE" PUZZLES DUTCH

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 16 (A.A.P.-Reuter).—An "enormous red ball of fire" seen by dozens of people over the Wadden Islands, off the coast of Holland, last night is puzzling scientists. '1961

Five thousand miles to the west a mysterious light—this time blue—last night lit up a vast area of the Californian countryside.

An observation post at Terschelling Island, on the Dutch coast, reported that it had sighted an "unknown object."

The post report said the object was first seen at an estimated height of 15 miles. It disappeared in a north-easterly direction, losing height while the fire glow diminished from bright to dark red.

The Utrecht University observatory has invited all who saw the object to communicate with it.

"Definitely Not A Meteor"

A spokesman said the observatory was unable to say what the object was.

It definitely was not a meteor because it had been too long visible.

Dozens of people telephoned the Rotterdam newspaper "Algemeen Dagblad" to report the object.

The Amsterdam newspaper "Trouw" quoted the Terschelling Coastguard today as saying the object could have been neither an aircraft nor the distress signals of a ship.

Newspapers and radio stations in northern California said they were receiving a flood of calls from eye-witnesses of the blue flash.

An Aviation Authority employee said the flash was so bright that his entire airport was momentarily bathed in light.

Observatory officials believe the flash may have been caused by a falling meteor.

The Sydney Morning Herald.

● "CIGAR-SHAPED"

LONDON, Sat. (A.A.P.-Reuter). — An Army officer believes he saw a satellite land in Britain last night.

He told police he saw a dazzling white object descend from the sky.

Many other people are reported to have seen the object.

The officer is Captain M. J. Massey-Beresford, who saw the object while walking at Nook Camp, in Warminster, Wiltshire. A brilliant white flash lit the sky, illuminating the square and temporarily blinding him, he said.

It remained stationary for a few seconds before travelling towards the north, leaving a wake of white sparks.

"SENTRY" IN SPACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Sun. — The U.S. Air Force has announced plans for a space vehicle to intercept and identify unknown orbiting objects.

The research and development programme has been given the name of "Saint." SEPT 26, 1960

The U.S. Air Force Chief of Staff for Development, (Lieutenant-General Roscoe Wilson) told a joint meeting of the Night Fighters Association and Air Force Association of the programme.

He said the Defence Department could keep close track of man-made satellites.

"We cannot determine at close range the nature or intentions of objects in orbit."

"Project Saint provides for a vehicle which could rendezvous in space with unknown satellites for identification purposes."

● Flying saucer

THE sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) reported by the Rev. Mr. Gill from New Guinea in June 1959 followed by those reported on Monday by the Rev. L. Browning from Cressy, Tasmania, indicate that reputable observers are still sighting the much maligned "flying saucers."

Is the Federal Government satisfied that unfriendly nations are not infringing Australian territorial sovereignty?

—P. E. Norris, hon. president, Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society, Collins-st., Melbourne.

THE SUN-HERALD, NOV. 13, 1960

Neither the Air Ministry nor the radio telescope at Jodrell Bank could identify the object, which was described as cigar-shaped and flaming. But the Air Ministry said it could have been either a meteorite or a satellite entering the earth's atmosphere. An Air Ministry official said the reports were being investigated.

"Terrifying"

Captain Massey-Beresford said: "I have never seen anything like it before."

He thought it could have been a large shooting star, an aircraft exploding or "ridiculous as it seems"—a satellite coming in to land.

Miss Jean Williams, a local resident, said she also saw the object.

"It was quite terrifying. It was something I shall never forget," she said.

Mysterious Object In Outer Space

NEW YORK, Sept. 1 (A.A.P.).—A tracking camera has photographed a mysterious red object circling the earth. The photograph was taken by a special tracking team of the Grumman Aviation Engineering Corporation.

The object appears to be one-tenth the size of the Echo 1 balloon satellite and is travelling about twice as fast.

Sightings from amateur astronomers and others have been received from throughout the United States.

Robert I. Johnson, director of Chicago's Adler Planetarium, said it did not appear to be an artificial satellite or meteor. 1960

The Sydney Morning Herald.

MAN SAYS 'I SAW FLYING SAUCERS'

A Brunswick man today reported seeing two formations of "flying saucers" over the Dandenongs on Friday night.

He is Mr R. K. Mathews, 32, a metal presser, of Sydney-rd., Brunswick.

He said he saw the "saucers" at 8.20 p.m. on Friday while walking through Yarra Bend National Park.

Mr Mathews said the objects were hovering over the Dandenongs in two "line astern" formations.

There were 12 "saucers" in one formation and about 15 in the other.

While they hovered, he thought he saw short wings protruding from the "thick, cylindrical shaped bodies."

"And then... whoosh... they suddenly sped off to the east."

The craft were "copper colored," did not glow, and there was no noise when they sped off.

They remained in sight for about 90 seconds. "I'm quite sure they were flying saucers and not aircraft," he added.

"I am sure it was not an aircraft or helicopter. It was too high and suddenly, about 8.45, it zoomed away to the east," he added.

Mrs A. Henriksen, of Beac, said today she had seen a strange light high in the sky on Saturday night. It travelled quickly from west to east.

"HERALD" Melbourne, October 17, 1960

Mystery craft "in formation"
RED BLUFF (California), Thurs. — Mysterious oval-shaped objects "flying in formation and emitting a red glow" have been reported for the second time in a week by at least 20 observers in Plumas County, Northern California.

The unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were observed on Tuesday night in the little community of Mineral, 30 miles east of where three California Highway patrolmen reported similar sightings on Saturday night.

The Plumas County phenomena was reported by three sheriff's deputies, a forester and about 20 people at a lodge.

Two deputy sheriffs at roadblocks said they saw the UFOs.

"I've never seen anything like it and I probably wouldn't say anything about it now if others hadn't seen it too," said one of them, Bill Gonzales.

"They were dipping and diving and moving at simply unbelievable speed," he added. "And the really strange part — they didn't make a sound."

His partner, A. D. Perry, said: "This is something over our heads." — A.A.P.

Sun, August 19, 1960

PREPARATION OF THIS NEWS PAGE REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE TIME & EFFORT EDITORS WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SIMILAR CLIPPINGS. THANK YOU.



"There's an absurd article here about flying saucers!"



CIGAR-SHAPED OBJECT SEEN

SEVERAL PEOPLE last night reported seeing a cigar-shaped object in the sky in the North and over the Midlands.

A party of four hunters at Palmerston, near Cressy, saw a slowly moving object about 200 feet from the ground. A member of the party said the object seemed to hover for a few minutes before moving off in a north-easterly direction.

Mr. Ron Dobbe, of Campbell Town, said that he had seen a long orange glow in the western sky, moving in a north-easterly direction about 8.45 p.m.

There was no noise, and the object was moving slowly.

A cigar-shaped object was seen moving slowly in the sky near Ostlands by Mr. E. Edwards and his wife.

Mr. Edwards said the object seemed to be travelling in a south-easterly direction, and was about 300ft. above the ground.

It hovered for some time. It made no noise, and there seemed to be an orange light," he said.

It then moved off towards the east.

A similar object was seen in the sky over Ross.

Earlier in the evening, Longford residents reported lights in the sky, and a loud explosion shortly before 8 p.m.

THE EXAMINER, Wed., October 26, 1960



"Dad, remember that flying saucer scare?"

Famed for Stellar research

Astronomer for Australia

CANBERRA, Friday.—Dr. Harlow Shapley, one of the world's leading astronomers, will visit Australia next week. DAILY MIRROR, SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1961

Dr. Shapley is a former director of Harvard College observatory.

His researches have proved conclusively that the sun is not at or near the centre of the Milky Way system.

He proved that the sun

and the earth are from 25,000 to 30,000 light years from the centre of the Milky Way.

These researches resulted in his appointment to the directorship of Harvard College observatory in 1921, a post he occupied until 1952.

In his years at Harvard, Dr. Shapley specialised in the study of the magellanic clouds, the charting of distant galaxies, and the study of variable stars.

15 degrees

Dr. Shapley, now a professor emeritus of Harvard, holds 15 honorary degrees and has received many scientific awards and medals, including the gold medal of the Royal Astronomical Society.

He will give at least one public lecture in Australia,



DR. SHAPLEY

CRASH SEQUEL

"Object" spotted by radar

MACKAY, Wed. — A radar observer told the TAA Fokker crash inquiry today that he plotted a stationary object off Mackay twice on the night the plane crashed. DAILY TEL

Both "plots" were in the area where the main wreckage of the plane was found, he said. OCT 13, 1960

The plane crashed into the sea on the night of June 10, killing the 29 people on board.

Edward Henry Tindale, observer in charge of Mackay meteorological office, said he was asked at 10.30 that night to make a radar search for the missing plane.

He said he made his two "plots" of the stationary object between 11.20 and midnight.

He could not identify the object, he said.

An elderly couple who live only two miles from the crash scene said they heard an explosion at exactly 10.71 on the night of the disaster.

The couple are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Christensen.

Both said they heard

the plane's engines cut out. Two or three seconds later they heard the explosion.

Christensen said that after the explosion he heard the "screaking" of metal being torn to pieces. Alfred Micallef, an Alligator Creek farmer, said he watched the Fokker descending in even flight for about three minutes.

About 45 seconds after he lost sight of it he heard an explosion.

Investigation of Sighting of "Saucer"

CANBERRA, Thursday. — An Air Force expert will be sent to Cressy, Tasmania, to investigate "flying saucers" reported to have been seen by Rev. Lionel Browning.

The Minister for Air (Mr. Osborne) announced today that Wing Commander G. Waller, the Resident Air Force officer in Tasmania, would interview Mr. Browning and others who reported seeing the flying saucers.

Mr. Duthie (Lab., Tas.) asked Mr. Osborne to investigate the reports if they had not already been investigated.

Mr. Browning reported seeing eight flying saucers and a mother ship over Cressy last month.

"AGE" Melbourne NOVEMBER 18, 1960

On Oct. 18 Brisbane board of inquiry into TAA Fokker disaster reached no verdict as experts could not explain crash. (Ed.)

MYSTERY "RED BALL" AT ROBE

ROBE, October 27. Robe primary school children, while having a lesson out of doors, were amazed to see an object resembling a "red cricket ball" fly overhead and into the sea at 11.56 a.m. today.

The school principal (Mrs. O. Kermode), who was taking the class, said she had "never" seen anything like it.

"When one of the children pointed to the sky," she said, "we saw a red object no bigger than a cricket ball travelling towards the Robe harbor. It was not going very fast."

"Suddenly it began to zig-zag crazily, and then it fell rapidly from a height of about 300 ft., leaving a trail of smoke. It disappeared quickly, presumably into the sea."

"ADVERTISER" Adelaide, S.A.

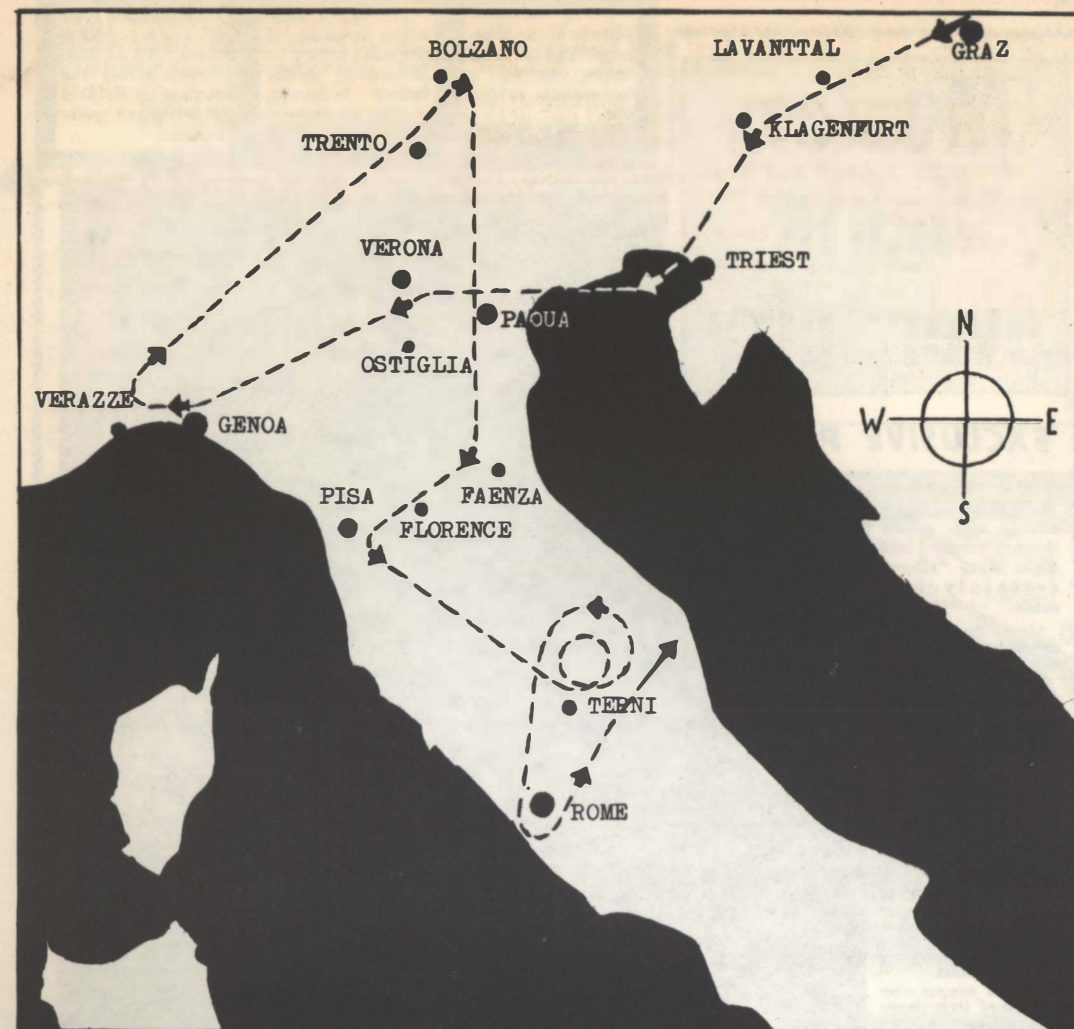
"Flying saucer" over Poland

WARSAW, Wed. (AAP): A mysterious luminous object, rising and dropping and changing direction of flight, appeared in the skies over Poznan yesterday.

Newspaper reports said the object was seen by many Poznan residents as well as by police guards and railway guards.

People in Poznan were said to be wondering whether the object was a space rocket manned by beings from Mars.

"NEWS" Adelaide, OCTOBER 6, 1960



Between the hours of 8.25 and 8.40 p.m. on the 18th of July, 1960 a mysterious object flew over many parts of Italy. It had an oval or globular shape, was green in colour with a bluish trail, then red which changed to blue. The object was flying at varying speeds up to 20,000 km. per hour at different altitudes. In Ostiglia it appeared directly over the T.V. installation. It was seen in Rome, Trieste, Bolzano, Genoa, Florence, Trento and Verona almost at the same time. Several airports spotted it on radar screens.

The unidentified flying object was observed last over Rome at 10 p.m. and at Terni at 3.02, 3.37 and 5.32 the following morning.

(Based on reports in "Die Tat", Zurich, "Der Bund", Bern, "Nationalzeitung", Basel, "Neckar-Echo", Heilbronn - Switzerland, as per "Weltraumbote" Sept/Oct.60)

Mystery lights over city

EXCLUSIVE PICTURE

THE mysterious lights which drifted high across Sydney's sky last night were "almost certainly man-made."

Mr G. Patston, director of Belfield Observatory, said this today.

The observatory photographed the lights during their 25-minute crossing of the sky.

"They appeared to be balloon-borne magnesium flares like the pathfinder flares used by bombers during the war," Mr Patston said.

"There's no possibility of them being visitors from space."

Mr Patston said he and other observers were tracking the American balloon satellite Echo I at 9.20 p.m., when they noticed the lights.

"A few minutes after we sighted them people nearly drove us crazy ringing to find out what they were," he said.

"About a dozen reddish coloured lights appeared over the horizon

BRILLIANT WHITE

"They drifted with the north-east wind, and gradually came above us."

"By then they were a brilliant white, exactly like a magnesium flare."

"They were well above normal flying heights for aircraft using Mascot."

"After we watched them for about 25 minutes they faded again to a reddish colour, and finally disappeared while right above us."

This exclusive picture of the mystery "lights" was taken during a two-minute exposure.

The lights flashed on for about 15 seconds with a 25-second break before becoming visible again.

The broken lines of light follow three shallow curves across the picture. — Belfield Observatory photograph.



The Sun Wednesday, Jan. 11, 1961

Many People See Mysterious Lights Over City

Dozens of people last night reported mysterious lights flashing over Sydney.

They were seen between 9.30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Naval, Air Force, Weather Bureau and other authorities were not able to identify the lights.

Mr G. Patston, of the Belfield tracking station, said observers at the station had taken photographs of the lights.

Star trails on the photographs were normal, but the lights showed a pattern like meteor trails.

He believed they were on a balloon.

Reports of the lights came from all parts of Sydney. Descriptions and direction varied.

Mrs K. Morgan, of Barremma Road, Lakemba, said: "They were like stars moving about the sky. They were first seen in the north and moved slowly across the sky to the south."

"When I last saw them, they appeared to be moving back towards the north again."

Mr N. Shoblom, of Earnsbury Grove, Bardwell Park, said: "The lights appeared

high in the west and looked like a number of flashlights being switched on and off."

An R.A.A.F. spokesman said there were no aircraft on exercises or doing work likely to involve lights or flares.

Neptune bombers used searchlights that might fit the reports, but there were none in the sky at the time.

A Navy spokesman said there were no naval aircraft that might account for the lights.

Mascot air control and the Weather Bureau were not able to offer any explanation.

From above N.E. Canada the camera takes a backward look. Map explains photo.

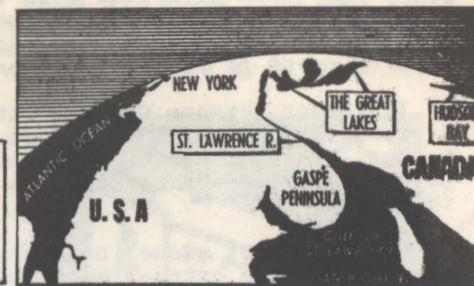
WHAT DOES OUR EARTH LOOK LIKE FROM OUT THERE IN SPACE?

TIROS, THE AMERICAN TELEVISION WEATHER SATELLITE HAS THE ANSWER AS PHOTOGRAPH BELOW SHOWS.

SCIENTISTS ARE ALREADY WORKING ON INTER-PLANETARY STATIONS WHICH WOULD PHOTOGRAPH MARS OR VENUS AND RELAY THE PICTURES BY T.V. TO THE PEOPLE OF EARTH. SIMILAR T.V. RELAYS HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY LUNIK III AND TIROS.

THE DAY IS NOT FAR OFF WHEN MARS, PICTURED BELOW, WILL APPEAR AS HUGE AS THE EARTH OBSERVED BY TIROS.

WILL MARS THEN REVEAL SIGNS OF INTELLIGENT LIFE SUCH AS CITY LIGHTS AND CANALS?



THIS IS OUR EARTH — from 450 miles up



A telescopic photograph of Mars taken by Dr. E.C. Slipher in South Africa in 1939.





UFOs AND TELEPATHY

Astronomers are trying to estimate the number of inhabited planets in our galaxy. They think there are thousands of planets with intelligent beings.

Not all stars are of the same age - some are older than others. It follows that some planets could have produced extremely advanced forms of intelligent life because of their "maturity".

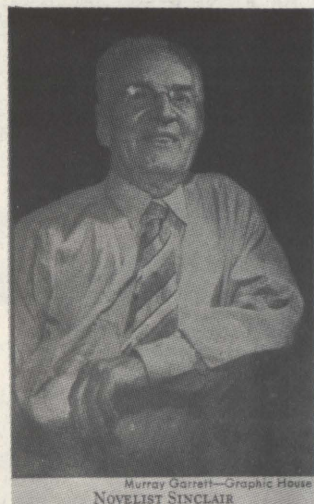
Prof. R.N. Bracewell of Stanford University has put forth a theory that superior galactic communities have sent satellites to our solar system. He believes these probes would broadcast some message if activated by radio waves. In fact, Prof. Bracewell has expressed an opinion that radio echoes received some thirty years ago could have come from these interstellar satellites. A concrete attempt to pick up signals from inhabited planets in space is being carried out by Dr. Frank Drake in West Virginia. It is obvious that interstellar communication by means of radio is no more in the realm of science fiction.

Professor Hermann Oberth, internationally known authority on the conquest of space, has this to say about the methods of communication of outer-space beings: "Their means of communication may be anything from a ray to a para-psychological power revealed to us occasionally in human manifestations of telepathy."

Oberth is not alone in this speculation. Dr. Nandor Fodor of New York theorises: "The extra-sensory perception of earthlings should be sharpened with all possible speed so that any outer-space signals can be interpreted and replies given."

A Russian scientist and writer Alexander Kazantsev in his story "The Martian" has an interesting supposition: "Perhaps they do really have a thin atmosphere on Mars and thought transference by means of sound waves, or air concussion, has long been abandoned there."

Men, animals, birds, fishes and insects convey messages to each other by means of sound vibrations. Insects are able to send high-pitched signals to great distances. Our ear is unable to discern these.



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NOVELIST SINCLAIR

The hypothesis that telepathy may be employed in everyday life by advanced types of humanity on other planets should not be hastily written off. If top scientists consider this a possibility, the matter should be analysed critically but without bias.

Now what is telepathy? According to F.W.H. Myers of Cambridge, the man who coined this word, it is "communication of impressions of any kind from one mind to another, independently of the recognised channels of sense."

Upton Sinclair, the renowned American writer, has conducted hundreds of experiments in the field of thought transference. His conclusion is - "Telepathy happens!" In the course of systematic experimentation with his wife Upton Sinclair has achieved amazing successes. He was able to transmit images to the recipient over long distances.

An illustration from his book MENTAL RADIO shown here demonstrates how close to the transmitted image was the reception.

The Universities of Colorado, Cornell, Duke and Cambridge have conducted scientific studies in telepathy. In this article we are more interested in the telepathic transmission of messages from space visitors rather than in telepathy itself.



sent



received

That this phenomenon may be less abstract than we think, can be proven by a remarkable telepathic contact between a "skyship" and Earth witnessed by the writer in Sydney in January, 1951.

From a Qantas plane 6,500 feet above Sydney Mrs. Lesley Piddington (daughter of Rear-Admiral Pope) was receiving a sentence from her husband Sidney Piddington at Radio Station 2GB.

The Premier of New South Wales - Mr. J. McGirr chose at random from many books a line from the Works of Henry Lawson. Mr. Piddington transmitted mentally this sentence and it was received by his wife with an insignificant error which did not change the meaning. With Mrs. Piddington, as judges, were Mr. F. J. Finnan, a State Minister, and Judge Raintow.

If a telepathic contact has been reached between two persons - one on a plane and the other on the ground, there is nothing impossible about thought transference between a future Earth astronaut and a human being. Then why not between a rational being from another planet flying through space or approaching Earth and an earthman?

It is only experimentation that can substantiate speculation that beings on other planets can respond to mental signals. The best answers would be appearances of spaceships in the areas whence the signals have emanated.

While most of the so-called "space-contact" claims are questionable, the possibility remains that cosmic beings may be able to converse by means of a "para-psychological power". At least that is what Professor Hermann Oberth thinks.



Telepathy

NEW YORK, Tues. (AP).—Mental telepathy and other forms of extra sensory perception are being studied by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation, with a view to utilising them in long distance communication.
DAILY MIRROR, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1953



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